GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

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MANGANESE ADULTERATION SCAM AT BHILAI STEEL PLANT
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scam on large scale has been unearthed in Bhilai Steel Plant relating to Manganese Adulteration involving senior BSP officials;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether an inquiry has been constituted in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the exported steel was rejected due to adulteration and railway accidents were taken place due to defective adulterated steel in manufacturing the tracks supplied by the BSP; and

(f) if so, the facts thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a)to(d): A surprise inspection of the material transported by two trucks from Maharashtra Electrosmelt Limited (MEL) was conducted, based on information received.On analysis of samples drawn from these trucks it was found that the material did not conform to the specification of silico manganese. After preliminary investigation, an FIR has been lodged with local police. BSP management has also reported the matter to CBI / Jabalpur for investigation. The outcome of investigation by the agencies is awaited.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.